

Community Council Meeting
Monday 5 December 2016
Aberlemno Church meeting room
7.30pm

In attendance:

Tom Sampson (Chair), Mark Hooghiemstra, Jill Paterson (part of the meeting), Cllr Houston, Lynda Bruce, Paul Duncan, Chantal Fenton, Stuart Cormie, Murray Howe, Jim Mitchell, Cllr Houston, Jim Hair, Cllr Bob Myles

1 Welcome and apologies

TS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from: Lorna Hooghiemstra; Isabelle Davies

2 Presentation on Local Development Plan from Jill Paterson, Environment and Development Planning Manager, Angus Council

JP outlined the planning landscape in the area and explained that at the highest level is Tayplan, which is the Strategic Planning Authority for the Tay Cities region, which includes Dundee, North Fife, Perth and Kinross and Angus and which looks forward covering a period of 20 years. The current Strategic Development Plan was approved in June 2012. A new proposed plan was submitted to Scottish Ministers on 7 June 2016.

(For more information:<http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/>)

For the purposes of the Local Development Plan, Angus is split in to four areas and Aberlemno is in North Angus which includes the main settlements of Montrose and Brechin. The most recent Local Development Plan was approved in September 2016 and focuses on the five-year cycle from 2016-2021. It includes references to various networks, including blue networks, which refers to water corridors, green networks which refers to open space and local biodiversity networks.

(For more information:

http://www.angus.gov.uk/downloads/file/2592/adopted_angus_local_development_plan)

JP explained that the planning process and consultations occur on a rolling basis and the latest cycle started last autumn. Angus Council will be consulting widely. It was agreed that local planning would be a standing item on the agenda for the community council.

3 Minutes of the last meeting for approval

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

4 Matters arising

There has been no further update in relation to moving the road signs at the crossroads at Balgavies. MH has written a report outlining the dangers to traffic as visibility is impaired due to the placement of the road signs.

Action: MH to send CF the report for onward transmission to Dougie Alexander.

TS &
MH

5 Treasurer's report

There has been no movement in funds since our previous meeting and our current balance remains at £1,777.44

During January 2017, a cheque for £20 will be sent to Angus Council for our Lottery Licence and a cheque for £160 will be given to Aberlemno Church for a contribution towards their Newsletter. Discussion took place about the level of contribution and the share of costs it represents. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The financial year ends on 31st March 2017.

6 **Update on graveyard**

The delay with a securing further space for burials continues to cause concern for the Community Council and all local people. It is understood that Angus Council made an offer to the landowner in August this year and have yet to receive a reply; Angus Council have stated that they will follow up with a letter in view of the lack of response.

7 **Netherton bend**

No progress has been made regarding procuring a response to the Community Council's enquiries about a speed restriction around the Netherton bend. CF had had the issue raised via PC Ally Hutchison but this proved futile. A response from either Angus Council or the police about the rationale for no further action is being taken would explain the stalemate.

SC reported that work was underway near Netherton that included three new drains.

8 **Update on the Viewfinder**

Discussion took place about the Viewfinder. There had been a idea to install it on stone to help make it theft-proof but concerns were raised that it wouldn't weather well.

Discussion took place about the potential to have the viewfinder in the same style as the new interpretation signs that are being installed adjacent to the Pictish stones in Aberlemno.

Action: Contact Historic Environment Scotland to explore the potential for this. PD

9 **Update on Aberlemno.org and IT** PD

Emails are being set up.

10 **Update on Aberlemno Community Hall**

Isabelle Davies reported that two popular events were held over the autumn. The third 'Stories in Stones' focused on the Aberlemno Stones and attracted around 30 walkers and a number of people who just looked in. As ever the Hall is grateful for the support of Norman Atkinson.

The Christmas Craft Fair was a social and financial success with an amazing number of people through the doors and great local attendance. £600 was raised thanks to the efforts of the Committee Members involved. The stall holders also had a good day with most interested in future events.

At the meeting on Thursday it was agreed to hold a special meeting on 14 December to draft an events diary for next year. Already a formal opening of the Pictish Room is planned to coincide with the uncovering of the Stones. It is hoped the new HES signs can be include and thanks must go to Paul for the progress made with all things Pictish.

In the New Year we will meet to agree our priorities for the future and how to achieve them.

It only remains to wish all Community Council members a Happy Christmas and we look forward to all of us helping Aberlemno to a great 2017.

TS wished Isabelle and the other hall committee members compliments of the

season.

11. **Road Gritting**

SC reported that the road through Netherton had not been gritted when there was frost. CF enquired about the Angus Council's criteria for gritting and had it explained that whilst AC prioritised main roads when the temperature falls below 4 degrees C, the schedule can be disrupted by gritting lorries breaking down or the temperature falling at the end of a shift, making it difficult to grit every road. AC's advice for drivers is to drive according to the conditions.

12. **AOCB**

JH had been asked about the Community Notice board at Farnell Hall that was removed by Angus Council when the new recycling bins were installed.

Action: Ask Angus Council about having the notice board reinstated. CF

13. **Dates of next meetings**

The next meeting will be held on the 6 March 2017 at 7.30pm.